

SWATARA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2019

The Swatara Township Planning Commission regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Swatara Township Administration Building, 599 Eisenhower Boulevard, Swatara, Pennsylvania 17111.

Members of the Commission present:

Chuck Bowser, Chairman	Steve DeFrank
Dave Downey, Vice-Chairman	Chad Martin
Mark Caruso	Karen Bear
Frank Rubinic	Pat Horner

Member(s) absent: Pat Blumenthal.

Also, present: Robert Ihlein, Swatara Township Planning and Zoning Coordinator and Secretary to the Planning Commission; Stephen Cordaro, Project Engineer, Dawood Engineers, Township Engineer, and Andrea Viazanko, Staff Member, Dauphin County Planning Commission.

REORGANIZATION: Frank Rubinic made a motion to reappoint Chuck Bowser as Chairman, and Dave Downey, as Vice-Chairman to the Swatara Township Planning Commission for 2019, and to reappoint Robert Ihlein as the Swatara Township Planning and Zoning Coordinator and Secretary to the Planning Commission, and Frances Peck as Recording Secretary for 2019. Steve DeFrank seconded the motion and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 4, 2018, Regular Meeting: Steve DeFrank made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018, regular meeting. Chad Martin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, INCLUDING REPORTING OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES: No comments, or issues at this time.

OLD BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

- Project 2018-11C: Sycamore Street Storage - Land Development for a new 81,460 sq. ft. self-storage facility on 5.89 acres.
Applicant: Volant Development Company.

Location: between 2501 and 2645 Sycamore Street.

Plan Dated: October 23, 2018.

BOC Action deadline: March 3, 2018.

Waivers Requested:

1) 253-11.A - Preliminary Plan.

Status: Accepted for review by Planning Commission on December 4, 2018.

See review comments from Dauphin County Planning, Zoning Officer, Township Engineer and Township Stormwater Engineer.

Mark Caruso made a motion to table the Plan of Sycamore Street Storage, Project 2018-11C. Frank Rubinic seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS - SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

No new business or plans at this time.

PROJECTS RECENTLY REVIEWED:

- Project 2018-10C: Dauphin County MDJ Office - Land Development Plan for a new 5,000 square foot Magisterial District Judge Office on a 1:35 acre lot.
Applicant: The Dauphin County General Authority.
Location: southeast corner of 28th and Paxton Streets.
Plan Dated: October 23, 2018.
BOC Action Deadline: February 5, 2019.
Waivers Requested:
1) 253-11 Preliminary Plan.
2) 247-10.F.3 - Existing Impervious Cover.
Status: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL by Planning Commission on December 4, 2018; to be considered for approval by Board of Commissioners on January 9, 2019.
- Other Subdivision and Land Development Projects - See "Plan Status Report."

OTHER PLANNING ISSUES AND DISCUSSION:

- Update of the Township Comprehensive Plan: Steering Committee held their third meeting on August 6. The data collection phase of the process was held open through the end of August. Staff worked on compiling the responses through the Fall. The Committee has met several times since then. The draft summary of the Community Survey was discussed, and a draft Summary Report is now being released. The next step will be to form several "focus groups" to discuss problems and identify solutions.
- Planning Commission Annual Report for 2017 and 2018; still a work in progress.

- Street and Highway Improvements Planning: Eisenhower Interchange and widening of I-83 - trying to get additional meetings with PennDOT.
- Local Road Safety Planning Program at PennDOT. Robert Ihlein gave an update to the Planning Commission members on the Local Road Safety Planning Program at PennDOT.

OTHER PLANNING ISSUES: No other planning issues at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment at this time.

COMMISSION MEMBER REQUESTS AND COMMENTS: No member comments at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: No communications and announcements at this time.

NEXT MEETING: The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Frank Rubinic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Horner seconded the motion and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Frances Peck, Recording Secretary